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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Pienkos, John T.  
Serial No.: 09/724,744  
Filing Date: November 28, 2000  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FACILITATING THE  
TRANSFER OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY  
Examiner: Nguyen, Cuong H.  
Art Unit: 3625  
Confirm. No. 8432

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**REPLY**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2004, the Applicant respectfully provides the following Remarks.

**Remarks**

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of the present Application. In the Office Action, claims 1-17 and 21-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over an article of BusinessWire date 4/22/1999 (hereinafter referred to as "BusinessWire") in view of an article in the EE Times by Margaret Quan (hereinafter referred to as "Margaret Quan").